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CENTER for CATHOLIC EDUCATION

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SERVE, SUPPORT, CELEBRATE

As the earth renews itself this spring, we are grateful for the opportunity to *serve* those in need; to *support* students with careful examination of their school context; and to *celebrate* longevity, a fresh face, and our Marianist tradition. Inspired by Mary's "yes" to bring Jesus as gift to the world,

we shared our resources with those who were in need at Christmas time. Influenced by Mary's wisdom in requesting Jesus to help the bride and bridegroom, we seek Mary's guidance to ask Jesus to direct our work with students and teachers. Enlivened by Christ's resurrection, we celebrate our

traditions and founders and we sing "Alleluia" with Mary as we renew our commitment and dedication to bringing excellence to Catholic schools ever living in the Lord's spirit.



LALANNE'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Lalanne is in its tenth year and we have a lot to celebrate! Our celebration kicked off during the last week of January when we sent each of our partner schools and dioceses a box of Esther Price chocolates. We are proud to join our partners in celebration of service, Catholic schools, and ten years of Lalanne!

Lalanne will continue its celebration on March 19th with a reception on campus to thank the University of Dayton community for its continuous support. We could not exist without the collaboration and support from the many departments and people on campus.

A day-long celebration on

June 27th will be the culminating event in which all Lalanne teachers, past and present, along with their families, are invited to join us.



The schedule of events includes a speaker who will address current issues in urban Catholic education, a family picnic with cornhole and other activities, and our celebration will conclude with Mass. We look forward to celebrating with the

entire Lalanne community and are excited to reconnect with the alumni as we seek ways to grow and develop Lalanne in the next ten years.

Each year, countless hours are spent ensuring that hundreds of pieces fall into place to make Lalanne the excellent program it is. As we celebrate our tenth year, we also celebrate all of our partners—from donors, schools, diocesan contacts, and mentor teachers to Lalanne alumni, and UD personnel.

We are excited and proud of the contributions our Lalanne teachers continue to make in Catholic urban schools. Their successes give us many reasons to celebrate!

2009 LACKNER AWARD RECIPIENT

Our very own Susan Ferguson has been named one of two recipients of the 2009 Lackner Award. The Lackner Award, named in honor of Brother Elmer Lackner, S.M., is a Marianist



Award at the University of Dayton that recognizes full-time UD lay faculty or staff for their contribution to the Catholic character and Marianist charism at the University. Brother Elmer Lackner and the

forty-eight recipients of this award between the years of 1985 and 2008 have inspired students and members of the UD community with this Catholic and Marianist character. "To receive this award – I'm not sure there could be a higher honor," Ferguson said. "The place that helped me grow up as a person and a professor is honoring me for understanding its mission. That is so touching, so humbling." The caring, support and devotion that Ferguson gives to her students and the community is beyond measure. Maura Donahue, director of UD's Program for Christian Leadership, best conveys this honor bestowed upon Ferguson when she said, "If you think about the Lackner Award as set aside for people who emulate Mary, that 's what she does." This year we offer our thanks and appreciation to Susan Ferguson and fellow recipient, Joseph Saliba, for carrying on this gift.

LALANNE

The Center for Catholic Education proudly welcomes Amy Delamer as the new coordinator of Lalanne. Amy is no stranger to UD, having earned her Bachelor's degree in Adolescent to Young Adult Education, with a concentration in Integrated Language Arts, from the university in 2003. After graduation, she taught middle school Language Arts and ninth grade English in Maryland and Florida, respectively.

Feeling called to Catholic education, Amy then spent two and a half years working in parish ministry, first as a Coordinator of Religious Education in Safety Harbor, Florida, and then as a Coordinator of Religious Education and Youth Ministry in Morrow, Ohio. She is currently working on her Master's degree in Theological Studies at UD.

Lalanne seemed like the perfect way to combine Amy's love of teaching and passion for Catholic education. "I am excited to be joining the Lalanne staff and serving Catholic schools

through such a unique program. I look forward to working with the teachers as they grow spiritually and professionally during their first years of teaching," Amy explains.

Amy works with Jacinta Mergler to coordinate recruitment, the summer orientation program, and other Lalanne events. Mergler, the Director of Lalanne, said, "I am thrilled to have Amy working with me! Her talent and skills have already



proven to be just what we needed for Lalanne as we celebrate our 10th year in 2009 and move on to the next ten!"

To date, OLR has completed 9 Whole Class Reviews which have encompassed 214 students. Of those, forty-one students were referred to Individual Student Reviews. Forty-three students have been connected to outside resources and the Student Support Coordinator has developed partnerships with 8 different community agencies. The process continues to grow and the first year looks to be a great foundation for the future.



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She established a food pantry at each MQP campus and created a clothing cupboard for school uniforms.

The Children's Medical Center of Dayton (CMC) has been a valuable partner to UCDRC, sharing resources made available by a recent grant. In conjunction with CMC, Sherman organized a Health and Safety Fair which is scheduled for March 12th. Together they continue to identify and provide for families in need of booster seats so they may remain compliant with Ohio law requiring children ages four to eight to be in a booster seat while riding in a vehicle. In addition to the aforementioned projects, Sherman stays busy assisting families with

obtaining car repairs, job searches and computer training, accessing health care, and utilizing resources already available in the Dayton area. She has definitely been a valuable asset to UCDRC and the families she serves. We consider Michelle Sherman to be a gift of gold!

Upcoming Events

- * Rogus Lecture, — March 23, 2009
- * St. Remy Mass & Celebration — May 14, 2009
- * Lalanne 10th Anniversary Celebration — June 27, 2009
- * Marianist Education Consortium Workshop—July 21-24, 2009
- * Teaching as Ministry Workshop — July 28-31, 2009